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## AN ACT ADOPTING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM TRUST CODE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) Sections 1 to 86,
- 2 inclusive, of this act may be cited as the "Connecticut Uniform Trust
- 3 Code".
- 4 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) Sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of
- 5 this act apply to express trusts, whether testamentary or inter vivos
- 6 and whether charitable or noncharitable, and trusts created pursuant
- 7 to a statute, judgment or decree that requires the trust to be
- 8 administered in the manner of an express trust.
- 9 Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) As used in sections 1 to 86,
- 10 inclusive, of this act:
- 11 (1) "Action", with respect to an act of a trustee, includes a failure to
- 12 act.
- 13 (2) "Beneficiary" means a person that (A) has a present or future
- beneficial interest in a trust, vested or contingent, or (B) in a capacity
- other than that of trustee, holds a power of appointment over trust

- 16 property.
- 17 (3) "Beneficiary surrogate" means a person, other than a trustee,
- 18 designated by the settlor in the trust instrument to receive notices,
- 19 information and reports otherwise required to be provided to a current
- 20 beneficiary under subdivisions (8) and (9) of subsection (b) of section 5
- 21 of this act.
- 22 (4) "Charitable trust" means a trust, or portion of a trust, created for
- 23 a charitable purpose described in section 25 of this act.
- 24 (5) "Current beneficiary" means a beneficiary who, on the date the
- 25 beneficiary's qualification is determined, is a distributee or permissible
- 26 distributee of trust income or principal.
- 27 (6) "Conservator" means a person appointed by the court to
- 28 administer the estate of a minor or adult individual and includes a
- 29 guardian of the estate of a minor.
- 30 (7) "District" means, for purposes of venue, the district of the court
- 31 having or accepting jurisdiction over the proceeding.
- 32 (8) "Environmental law" means a federal, state or local law, rule,
- regulation or ordinance relating to protection of the environment.
- 34 (9) "Guardian" means a person appointed by the court to make
- decisions regarding the support, care, education, health and welfare of
- a minor or adult individual and includes a conservator of the person of
- an adult, but does not include a guardian ad litem.
- 38 (10) "Interests of the beneficiaries" means the beneficial interests
- 39 provided in the terms of the trust.
- 40 (11) "Inter vivos trust" means any trust that is not a testamentary
- 41 trust.
- 42 (12) "Jurisdiction", with respect to a geographic area, includes a state
- 43 or country.

- 44 (13) "Mandatory distribution" means a distribution of income or 45 principal that the trustee is required to make to a beneficiary under the 46 terms of the trust, including a distribution upon termination of the 47 trust. The term does not include a distribution subject to the exercise of 48 the trustee's discretion, regardless of whether the terms of the trust (A) 49 include a support or other standard to guide the trustee in making 50 distribution decisions, or (B) provide that the trustee "may" or "shall" 51 make discretionary distributions, including distributions pursuant to a 52 support or other standard.
- 53 (14) "Permissible distributee" means a beneficiary who is currently 54 entitled to or eligible to receive a distribution from a trust.
  - (15) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, court, government, governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality, public corporation or any other legal or commercial entity.
- 60 (16) "Power of withdrawal" means a presently exercisable general 61 power of appointment other than a power exercisable only upon 62 consent of the trustee or a person holding an adverse interest.
- 63 (17) "Property" means anything that may be the subject of 64 ownership, whether real or personal and whether legal or equitable, or 65 any interest therein.
  - (18) "Qualified beneficiary" means a beneficiary who, on the date the beneficiary's qualification is determined: (A) Is a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal; (B) would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal if the interests of the distributees described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision terminated on such date without causing the trust to terminate; or (C) would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal if the trust terminated on such date.

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- 74 (19) "Revocable", as applied to a trust, means revocable by the 75 settlor without the consent of the trustee or a person holding an 76 adverse interest.
- (20) "Settlor" means a person, including a testator, who creates or contributes property to a trust. If more than one person creates or contributes property to a trust, each person is a settlor of the portion of the trust property attributable to such person's contribution, except to the extent another person has the power to revoke or withdraw such portion.
- 83 (21) "Spendthrift provision" means a term of a trust that restrains 84 both voluntary and involuntary transfer of a beneficiary's interest.
- (22) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and includes an Indian tribe or band recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by a state.
- 90 (23) "Terms of a trust" or "terms of the trust" means the 91 manifestation of the settlor's intent regarding a trust's provisions as 92 expressed in the trust instrument or as may be established by other 93 evidence that would be admissible in a judicial proceeding.
- 94 (24) "Testamentary trust" means a trust created under a will or any 95 other trust created, authorized or approved by order of a probate 96 court.
- 97 (25) "Trust instrument" means an instrument executed by the settlor 98 that contains terms of the trust, including any amendments thereto.
- 99 (26) "Trustee" includes an original, additional and successor trustee 100 and a cotrustee.
- Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, for the purposes of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act,

a person has knowledge of a fact if the person (1) has actual knowledge of the fact, (2) has received a notice or notification of the fact, or (3) from all the facts and circumstances known to the person at the time in question, has reason to know the fact.

- (b) An organization that conducts activities through employees has notice or knowledge of a fact involving a trust only from the time the information was received by an employee having responsibility to act for the trust, or from the time the information would have been brought to the employee's attention if the organization had exercised reasonable diligence. An organization exercises reasonable diligence if it maintains reasonable routines for communicating significant information to the employee having responsibility to act for the trust and there is reasonable compliance with the routines. Reasonable diligence does not require an employee of the organization to communicate information unless the communication is part of the individual's regular duties or the individual knows a matter involving the trust would be materially affected by the information.
- Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the trust, sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act govern the duties and powers of a trustee, relations among trustees and the rights and interests of a beneficiary.
  - (b) The terms of a trust prevail over any provision of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act except: (1) The requirements for creating a trust; (2) the duty of a trustee to act in good faith and in accordance with the terms and purposes of the trust; (3) the requirement of section 24 of this act that a trust have a purpose that is lawful, not contrary to public policy and possible to achieve; (4) the power of the court to modify or terminate a trust under sections 30 to 36, inclusive, of this act; (5) the effect of a spendthrift provision and the rights of certain creditors and assignees to reach a trust as provided in sections 38 to 45, inclusive, of this act; (6) the power of the court under section 51 of this act to require, dispense with, modify or terminate a bond; (7) the

power of the court under section 57 of this act to adjust a trustee's compensation specified in the terms of the trust that is unreasonably low or high; (8) with respect to the current beneficiaries of a revocable trust that has become irrevocable who have attained twenty-one years of age, the duty under subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 67 of this act to notify them of the existence of the trust, of the identity of the trustee, and of their right to request trustee's reports; (9) with respect to the current beneficiaries of a testamentary trust or an inter vivos trust created pursuant to a court approved settlement who have attained twenty-one years of age, the duties under section 67 of this act; (10) the duty under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 67 of this act to respond to the request of a beneficiary of an irrevocable trust for information reasonably related to the administration of a trust; (11) the effect of an exculpatory term under section 78 of this act; (12) the rights under sections 80 to 83, inclusive, of this act of a person other than a trustee or beneficiary; (13) periods of limitation for commencing a judicial proceeding; (14) the power of the court to take such action and exercise such jurisdiction as may be necessary in the interests of justice; (15) the subject-matter jurisdiction of the court and venue for commencing a proceeding as provided in sections 14 and 15 of this act; or (16) the provisions of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act specifically dealing with the supervision of testamentary trusts by the court.

(c) With respect to one or more of the current beneficiaries, the settlor, in the trust instrument, may waive or modify the duties of the trustee described in subdivisions (8) and (9) of subsection (b) of this section. Such a waiver or modification may be made only by the settlor designating in the trust instrument one or more beneficiary surrogates to receive any notices, information or reports otherwise required under said subdivisions to be provided to the current beneficiaries. If the settlor makes such a waiver or modification, the trustee shall provide such notices, information or reports to the beneficiary surrogates, in lieu of providing them to the current beneficiaries. The beneficiary surrogates shall act in good faith to protect the interests of the current

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- beneficiaries for whom the notices, information or reports are received.
- 170 The beneficiary surrogates are deemed to be representatives of the
- 171 current beneficiaries not provided such notices, information or reports
- 172 for all purposes, except for the time limitation for a beneficiary to
- 173 commence an action against a trustee for breach of trust as provided in
- subsections (a) and (b) of section 75 of this act.
- 175 Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) The common law of trusts
- and principles of equity supplement sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this
- act, except to the extent modified by sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this
- act or another statute of this state.
- 179 Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) The meaning and effect
- of the terms of an inter vivos trust are determined by: (1) The law of
- 181 the jurisdiction designated in the terms of the trust, unless the
- designation of such jurisdiction's law is contrary to a strong public
- policy of the jurisdiction having the most significant relationship to the
- matter at issue; or (2) in the absence of a controlling designation in the
- 185 terms of the trust, the law of the jurisdiction having the most
- significant relationship to the matter at issue.
- (b) The meaning and effect of the terms of a testamentary trust are
- determined by the law of this state.
- 189 Sec. 8. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Without precluding other
- 190 means for establishing a sufficient connection with the designated
- 191 jurisdiction, terms of a trust designating the principal place of
- 192 administration are valid and controlling if: (1) A trustee's principal
- 193 place of business is located in or a trustee is a resident of the
- designated jurisdiction; or (2) all or part of the administration occurs in
- 195 the designated jurisdiction.
- 196 (b) A trustee is under a continuing duty to administer the trust at a
- 197 place appropriate to its purposes, its administration and the interests
- 198 of the beneficiaries.

- (c) The principal place of administration of a testamentary trust shall be (1) in the case of a trust created under a will, in the district in which the settlor's estate was or is being administered, (2) in the case of any other trust created, authorized or approved by order of the Probate Court, in the district in which the court creating the trust is located, or (3) in the case of a trust transferred to this state subject to the continuing supervision of the court, the district in which the trustee's principal place of business is located, where the trustee resides or where all or part of the administration occurs.
  - (d) Without precluding the right of the court to order, approve or disapprove a transfer, the trustee of an inter vivos trust, and the trustee of a testamentary trust with court approval, in furtherance of the duty prescribed by subsection (b) of this section, may transfer the trust's principal place of administration to another state or to a jurisdiction outside of the United States.
  - (e) The trustee of an inter vivos trust shall notify the qualified beneficiaries of a transfer of a trust's principal place of administration not less than sixty days before initiating the transfer. The notice of the transfer shall include: (1) The name of the jurisdiction to which the principal place of administration is to be transferred; (2) the address and telephone number at the new location at which the trustee can be contacted; (3) an explanation of the reasons for the transfer; and (4) the date on which the transfer is anticipated to occur.
  - (f) In connection with a transfer of the trust's principal place of administration, the trustee may transfer some or all of the trust property to a successor trustee designated in the terms of the trust or appointed pursuant to section 53 of this act.
- Sec. 9. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Notice to a person under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act, or the sending of a document to a person under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act, shall be accomplished in a manner reasonably suitable under the circumstances and likely to result in receipt of the notice or document. Permissible

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- 231 methods of notice or for sending a document include first-class mail,
- 232 personal delivery, delivery to the person's last-known place of
- 233 residence or place of business, or a properly directed electronic
- 234 message, if the person has consented in advance to receive notices or
- 235 documents by electronic message.
- 236 (b) Notice otherwise required under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of
- 237 this act, or a document otherwise required to be sent under sections 1
- 238 to 86, inclusive, of this act need not be provided to a person whose
- 239 identity or location is unknown to and not reasonably ascertainable by
- 240 the trustee.
- 241 (c) Notice under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act or the sending
- of a document under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act may be
- 243 waived by the person to be notified or to be sent the document.
- 244 (d) Notice of a judicial proceeding shall be given as provided in any
- 245 applicable court rules.
- Sec. 10. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Whenever notice to
- 247 qualified beneficiaries of a trust is required under sections 1 to 86,
- 248 inclusive, of this act, the trustee shall also give notice to any other
- beneficiary who has sent the trustee a request for notice.
- 250 (b) A charitable organization expressly designated to receive
- distributions under the terms of a charitable trust has the rights of a
- 252 qualified beneficiary under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act if the
- 253 charitable organization, on the date the charitable organization's
- 254 qualification is being determined: (1) Is a distributee or permissible
- 255 distributee of trust income or principal; (2) would be a distributee or
- 256 permissible distributee of trust income or principal upon the
- 257 termination of the interests of other distributees or permissible
- 258 distributees then receiving or eligible to receive distributions; or (3)
- 259 would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or
- 260 principal if the trust terminated on such date.

- (c) A person appointed to enforce a trust created for the care of an animal or another noncharitable purpose as provided in section 28 or 29 of this act has the rights of a qualified beneficiary under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes of this section, "interested persons" means persons whose consent would be required in order to achieve a binding settlement were the settlement to be approved by the court.
  - (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (e) of this section, interested persons may enter into a binding nonjudicial settlement agreement with respect to any matter involving an intervivos trust.
  - (c) A nonjudicial settlement agreement is valid only to the extent it does not violate a material purpose of the trust and includes terms and conditions that could be properly approved by the court under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act or other applicable law.
  - (d) Matters that may be resolved by a nonjudicial settlement agreement include: (1) The interpretation or construction of the terms of the trust; (2) the approval of a trustee's report or accounting; (3) direction to a trustee to refrain from performing a particular act or the grant to a trustee of any necessary or desirable power; (4) the resignation or appointment of a trustee and the determination of a trustee's compensation; (5) transfer of a trust's principal place of administration; and (6) liability of a trustee for an action relating to the trust.
- (e) A nonjudicial settlement agreement may not modify or terminate an irrevocable trust. Such modification or termination may only be accomplished under the provisions of sections 21 to 37, inclusive, of this act.
- 290 (f) Any interested person may request the court to approve a

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- nonjudicial settlement agreement, to determine whether the representation as provided in sections 16 to 20, inclusive, of this act was adequate, and to determine whether the agreement contains terms and conditions the court could have properly approved.
- Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A testamentary trust is subject to continuing judicial supervision. For this purpose, a testamentary trust shall include any trust created under the laws of another jurisdiction, the principal place of administration of which is transferred to this state and expressly made subject to the continuing supervision of the court by the transferring court or document of transfer.
  - (b) The court may intervene in the administration of an inter vivos trust to the extent its jurisdiction is invoked by an interested person or as provided by law.
- 305 (c) An inter vivos trust is not subject to continuing judicial supervision.
- 307 (d) A judicial proceeding involving a trust may relate to any matter 308 involving the trust's administration, including, but not limited to, a 309 proceeding to: (1) Request instructions or declare rights; (2) approve a 310 nonjudicial settlement; (3) interpret or construe the terms of a trust; (4) 311 determine the validity of a trust or of any of its terms; (5) approve a 312 trustee's report or accounting or compel a trustee to report or account; 313 (6) direct a trustee to refrain from performing a particular act or grant 314 to a trustee any necessary or desirable power; (7) review the actions of 315 a trustee, including the exercise of a discretionary power; (8) accept the 316 resignation of a trustee; (9) appoint or remove a trustee; (10) determine 317 a trustee's compensation; (11) transfer a trust's principal place of 318 administration or a trust's property to another jurisdiction; (12) 319 determine the liability of a trustee for an action relating to the trust and 320 compel redress of a breach of trust by any available remedy; (13) 321 modify or terminate a trust; (14) combine trusts or divide a trust; (15) 322 determine liability of a trust for debts of a beneficiary and living

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- 323 settlor; or (16) determine liability of a trust for debts, expenses of
- 324 administration and statutory allowances chargeable against the estate
- 325 of a deceased settlor.
- Sec. 13. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) By accepting the
- 327 trusteeship of a trust having its principal place of administration in this
- 328 state, or by moving the principal place of administration to this state,
- 329 the trustee submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this
- 330 state regarding any matter involving the trust.
- 331 (b) With respect to their interests in the trust, the beneficiaries of a
- 332 trust having its principal place of administration in this state are
- 333 subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state regarding any
- matter involving the trust. By accepting a distribution from such a
- trust, the recipient submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts
- of this state regarding any matter involving the trust.
- 337 (c) This section does not preclude other methods of obtaining
- 338 jurisdiction over a trustee, beneficiary or other person receiving
- 339 property from the trust.
- Sec. 14. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) The Probate Court has
- 341 exclusive jurisdiction of proceedings in this state concerning the
- interim and final accounts of testamentary trustees.
- 343 (b) The Probate Court and the Superior Court have concurrent
- jurisdiction of all other proceedings involving a testamentary or inter
- 345 vivos trust.
- Sec. 15. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Venue for a judicial
- proceeding in the Superior Court shall be as provided in chapter 890 of
- 348 the general statutes.
- (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section,
- venue for a judicial proceeding in a court of probate involving an inter
- 351 vivos trust is, in the following order of priority: (A) In the district of
- 352 this state in which the trust's principal place of administration is or will

- 353 be located; (B) in the district of this state where any trustee resides or
- 354 has a principal place of business; or (C) in the district of this state
- 355 where the settlor's estate was or is being administered.
- 356 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, 357 venue for a judicial proceeding involving a testamentary trust is in the 358 district of this state in which the trust's principal place of
- 359 administration is located.
- 360 (c) (1) If an inter vivos trust has no trustee, venue for a judicial 361 proceeding for the appointment of a trustee shall be, in the following 362 order of priority: (A) In a district of this state in which a beneficiary 363 resides; (B) in a district of this state in which any trust property is 364 located; or (C) in the district of this state in which the trust's principal 365 place of administration is located.
- 366 (2) If a testamentary trust has no trustee, venue for a judicial 367 proceeding for the appointment of a trustee shall be in the district of 368 this state in which the trust's principal place of administration is 369 located.
- 370 (d) A judicial proceeding other than one described in subsection (b) 371 or (c) of this section shall be commenced in accordance with the rules 372 of venue applicable to civil actions.
- 373 Sec. 16. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Notice to a person who 374 may represent and bind another person under sections 16 to 20, 375 inclusive, of this act has the same effect as if notice were given directly 376 to such other person.
- 377 (b) The consent of a person who may represent and bind another 378 person under sections 16 to 20, inclusive, of this act is binding on the 379 person represented unless the person represented objects to the 380 representation before the consent would otherwise have become 381 effective.
- 382 (c) Except as otherwise provided in sections 31 and 47 of this act, a

- person who, pursuant to sections 16 to 20, inclusive, of this act may represent a settlor who lacks capacity may receive notice and give a binding consent on the settlor's behalf.
- 386 (d) A settlor may not represent or bind a beneficiary under sections 387 16 to 20, inclusive, of this act with respect to the termination or 388 modification of a trust under subsection (a) of section 31 of this act.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, sections 16 to 20, inclusive, of this act shall apply to all judicial proceedings and all nonjudicial settlements, agreements or actions under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act and under any other provisions of the general statutes pertaining to trust matters.
  - (f) For the purposes of this section, "represent" shall not be construed to permit a person who has not been admitted as an attorney pursuant to section 51-80 of the general statutes to serve as legal counsel for any other person in any matter arising under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act.
    - Sec. 17. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) To the extent there is no conflict of interest between the holder of a power of appointment and the persons represented with respect to the particular question or dispute: (1) The sole holder or all coholders of any power of appointment, whether or not presently exercisable, shall represent the potential appointees; and (2) the sole holder or all coholders of a power of revocation or a general power of appointment, including one in the form of a power of amendment, shall also represent the takers in default of the exercise thereof.
- Sec. 18. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) To the extent there is no conflict of interest between the representative and the person represented or among those being represented with respect to a particular question or dispute: (1) A conservator may represent and bind the estate that the conservator controls; (2) a guardian may represent and bind the ward if a conservator of the ward's estate has

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- not been appointed; (3) an agent having authority to do so may represent and bind the principal; (4) a trustee may represent and bind the beneficiaries of the trust; (5) an executor or administrator of a decedent's estate may represent and bind persons interested in the estate; and (6) if a conservator or guardian has not been appointed, a
- estate; and (6) if a conservator or guardian has not been appointed, a parent may represent and bind the parent's minor or unborn child.
- Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) Unless otherwise represented, a minor, an incapacitated or unborn individual, or a person whose identity or location is unknown and not reasonably ascertainable, may be represented by and bound by another person having a substantially identical interest with respect to the particular question or dispute, but only to the extent there is no conflict of interest between the representative and the person being represented.
- 427 Sec. 20. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) If the court determines 428 that an interest is not represented pursuant to sections 16 to 20, 429 inclusive, of this act, or that the otherwise available representation 430 might be inadequate, the court may appoint a guardian ad litem to 431 receive notice, give consent, and otherwise represent, bind and act on 432 behalf of a minor, an incapacitated or unborn individual, or a person 433 whose identity or location is unknown. A guardian ad litem may be 434 appointed to represent several persons or interests.
  - (b) A guardian ad litem may act on behalf of the individual represented with respect to any matter arising under sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act, whether or not a judicial proceeding concerning the trust is pending.
- (c) In making decisions in any matter, a guardian ad litem may consider general benefit accruing to the living members of the individual's family.
- Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) A trust may be created by:
  (1) Transfer of property to another person as trustee during the
  settlor's lifetime or by will or other disposition taking effect upon the

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- 445 settlor's death; (2) declaration by the owner of property that the owner
- 446 holds identifiable property as trustee; (3) exercise of a power of
- 447 appointment in favor of a trustee; or (4) transfer of property pursuant
- 448 to a statute or judgment that requires property to be administered in
- 449 the manner of an express trust, including, but not limited to, a trust
- 450 created by the guardian of the estate of a minor or by the conservator
- 451 of an estate, or a trust described in 42 USC 1396p(d)(4), as from time to
- 452 time amended.
- 453 Sec. 22. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trust is created only if:
- 454 (1) The settlor has capacity to create a trust; (2) the settlor indicates an
- 455 intention to create the trust; (3) the trust has a definite beneficiary or is
- 456 (A) a charitable trust, (B) a trust for the care of an animal, as provided
- 457 in section 28 of this act, or (C) a trust for a noncharitable purpose, as
- 458 provided in section 29 of this act; and (4) the trustee has duties to
- 459 perform.
- 460 (b) A beneficiary is definite if the beneficiary can be ascertained now
- 461 or in the future, subject to any applicable rule against perpetuities.
- 462 (c) A power in a trustee to select a beneficiary from an indefinite
- 463 class is valid. If the power is not exercised within a reasonable time,
- 464 the power fails and the property subject to the power passes to the
- 465 persons who would have taken the property had the power not been
- 466 conferred.
- 467 Sec. 23. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) An inter vivos trust is
- 468 validly created if its creation complies with the law of the jurisdiction
- 469 in which the trust instrument was executed, or the law of the
- 470 jurisdiction in which, at the time of creation: (1) The settlor was
- 471 domiciled, had a place of abode or was a national; (2) a trustee was
- 472 domiciled or had a place of business; or (3) any trust property was
- 473 located.
- 474 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) A trust may be created only
- 475 to the extent its purposes are lawful, not contrary to public policy and

- 476 possible to achieve.
- 477 Sec. 25. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A charitable trust may
- be created for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or
- 479 religion, the promotion of health, governmental or municipal purposes
- 480 or other purposes the achievement of which is beneficial to the
- 481 community.
- (b) If the terms of a charitable trust do not indicate a particular
- charitable purpose or beneficiary, the court may select one or more
- charitable purposes or beneficiaries. The selection shall be consistent
- with the settlor's intention to the extent it can be ascertained.
- 486 (c) The settlor of a charitable trust, among others, may maintain a
- 487 proceeding to enforce the trust.
- Sec. 26. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) A trust is void to the extent
- its creation was induced by fraud, duress or undue influence.
- 490 Sec. 27. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) Except as required by any
- 491 provision of the general statutes other than sections 1 to 86, inclusive,
- of this act, a trust need not be evidenced by a trust instrument, but the
- 493 creation of an oral trust and its terms may be established only by clear
- 494 and convincing evidence.
- Sec. 28. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trust may be created
- 496 to provide for the care of an animal alive during the settlor's lifetime.
- The trust terminates upon the death of the animal or, if the trust was
- 498 created to provide for the care of more than one animal alive during
- 499 the settlor's lifetime, upon the death of the last surviving animal.
- 500 (b) A trust authorized by this section may be enforced by a person
- appointed in the terms of the trust or, if no person is so appointed, by a
- 502 person appointed by the court. A person having an interest in the
- welfare of the animal may request the court to appoint a person to
- enforce the trust or to remove a person appointed.

- (c) Property of a trust authorized by this section may be applied only to its intended use, except to the extent the court determines that the value of the trust property exceeds the amount required for the intended use. Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the trust, property not required for the intended use shall be distributed to the settlor, if then living, otherwise to the settlor's successors in interest.
- Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) Except as provided by section 28 of this act or by any provision of the general statutes, the following rules apply:
  - (1) A trust may be created for a noncharitable purpose without a definite or definitely ascertainable beneficiary or for a noncharitable but otherwise valid purpose to be selected by the trustee. The trust may not be enforced for more than ninety years.
- 518 (2) A trust authorized by this section may be enforced by a person 519 appointed in the terms of the trust or, if no person is so appointed, by a 520 person appointed by the court.
  - (3) Property of a trust authorized by this section may be applied only to its intended use, except to the extent the court determines that the value of the trust property exceeds the amount required for the intended use. Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the trust, property not required for the intended use shall be distributed to the settlor, if then living, otherwise to the settlor's successors in interest.
  - Sec. 30. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) In addition to the methods of termination prescribed by sections 31 to 34, inclusive, of this act, a trust terminates to the extent the trust is revoked or expires pursuant to its terms, no purpose of the trust remains to be achieved, or the purposes of the trust have become unlawful or impossible to achieve.
- 533 (b) A proceeding to approve or disapprove a proposed modification 534 or termination under sections 31 to 36, inclusive, of this act, or trust

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combination or division under section 37 of this act, may be commenced by a trustee or beneficiary. A proceeding to approve or disapprove a proposed modification or termination under section 31 of this act, may be commenced by the settlor. The settlor of a charitable trust may maintain a proceeding to modify the trust under section 33 of this act.

- Sec. 31. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) If, upon petition, the court finds that the settlor and all beneficiaries consent to the modification or termination of a noncharitable irrevocable trust, the court may approve the modification or termination even if the modification or termination is inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust. A settlor's power to consent to a trust's modification or termination may be exercised by (1) an agent pursuant to a power of attorney only to the extent expressly authorized by the power of attorney or the terms of the trust, (2) the settlor's conservator with the approval of the court supervising the conservatorship if an agent is not so authorized, or (3) the settlor's guardian with the approval of the court supervising the guardianship, if an agent is not so authorized and a conservator has not been appointed. This subsection does not apply to irrevocable trusts created before or to revocable trusts that become irrevocable before the effective date of this section.
- (b) A noncharitable irrevocable trust may be terminated or modified upon consent of all of the beneficiaries if the court concludes that the termination or modification is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust and the probable intent of the settlor.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, a spendthrift provision in the terms of the trust is not presumed to constitute a material purpose of the trust. In determining whether a spendthrift provision is a material purpose of a trust for purposes of modification or termination of the trust, the court shall consider the settlor's intent and the facts and circumstances surrounding the creation of the trust.
- 566 (d) Upon termination of a trust pursuant to subsections (a) or (b) of

- this section, the trustee shall distribute the trust property as agreed by the parties consenting to the termination of the trust.
- (e) If not all of the beneficiaries consent to a proposed modification or termination of the trust pursuant to subsections (a) or (b) of this section, the modification or termination may be approved by the court if the court is satisfied that: (1) If all of the beneficiaries had consented, the trust could have been modified or terminated under this section; and (2) the interests of a beneficiary who does not consent will be adequately protected.
- Sec. 32. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) The court may modify the administrative or dispositive terms of a trust or terminate the trust if, because of circumstances not anticipated by the settlor, modification or termination will further the purposes of the trust. To the extent practicable, the modification shall be made in accordance with the settlor's probable intention.
  - (b) The court may modify the administrative terms of a trust if continuation of the trust on its existing terms would be impracticable or wasteful or impair the trust's administration.
  - (c) Upon termination of a trust under this section, the trustee shall distribute the trust property in a manner consistent with the purposes of the trust.
- 588 Sec. 33. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Except as otherwise 589 provided in subsection (b) of this section, if a particular charitable 590 purpose becomes unlawful, impracticable, impossible to achieve or 591 wasteful: (1) The trust does not fail, in whole or in part; (2) the trust 592 property does not revert to the settlor or the settlor's successors in 593 interest; and (3) the court may apply cy pres to modify or terminate the 594 trust by directing that the trust property be applied or distributed, in 595 whole or in part, in a manner consistent with the settlor's charitable 596 purposes.

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- (b) A provision in the terms of a charitable trust that would result in distribution of the trust property to a noncharitable beneficiary prevails over the power of the court under subsection (a) of this section to apply cy pres to modify or terminate the trust only if, when the provision takes effect: (1) The trust property is to revert to the settlor and the settlor is still living; or (2) fewer than twenty-one years have elapsed since the date of the trust's creation.
- Sec. 34. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) If trust property has a total value less than fifty thousand dollars and after notice to the qualified beneficiaries, the trustee of a testamentary noncharitable trust who obtains court approval, or the trustee of an inter vivos noncharitable trust, with or without court approval, may terminate the trust if such trustee concludes that the termination is not inconsistent with the probable intent of the settlor and the value or character of the trust property is insufficient or inappropriate to justify the cost of administration.
- (b) The court may modify or terminate a trust or remove the trustee and appoint a different trustee if it determines that the value or character of the trust property is insufficient or inappropriate to justify the cost of administration.
- (c) Upon termination of a trust under this section, the trustee shall distribute the trust property in a manner consistent with the purposes of the trust.
- (d) This section does not apply to an easement for conservation or preservation.
- Sec. 35. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) The court may reform the terms of a trust, even if unambiguous, to conform the terms to the settlor's intention if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that both the settlor's intent and the terms of the trust were affected by a mistake of fact or law, whether in expression or inducement.

- Sec. 36. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) To achieve the settlor's tax objectives, the court may modify the terms of a trust in a manner that is not contrary to the settlor's probable intention. The court may provide that the modification has retroactive effect.
- Sec. 37. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) After notice to the qualified beneficiaries, a trustee may combine two or more trusts into a single trust or divide a trust into two or more separate trusts, if the result does not impair rights of any beneficiary or adversely affect achievement of the purposes of the trust.
- 636 Sec. 38. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) To the extent a beneficiary's 637 interest is not subject to a spendthrift provision, except as otherwise 638 provided in sections 38 to 45, inclusive, of this act, the court may 639 authorize a creditor or assignee of the beneficiary to reach the 640 beneficiary's interest by attachment of present or future distributions 641 to or for the benefit of the beneficiary. The court may limit the award 642 to such relief as is appropriate under the circumstances, provided, the 643 court may not grant relief beyond the attachment of present or future 644 distributions.
  - Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A spendthrift provision is valid only if it restrains both voluntary and involuntary transfer of a beneficiary's interest. A provision in the terms of the trust permitting the voluntary transfer of a beneficiary's interest, but only with the consent of another person or entity, including the trustee, specified in the terms of the trust, shall be deemed to be an acceptable restraint on voluntary transfer.
    - (b) A term of a trust providing that the interest of a beneficiary is held subject to a "spendthrift trust", or words of similar import, is sufficient to restrain both voluntary and involuntary transfer of the beneficiary's interest.
- 656 (c) A beneficiary may not transfer an interest in a trust in violation 657 of a valid spendthrift provision and, except as otherwise provided in

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- 659 beneficiary may not reach the interest or a distribution by the trustee
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- 661 (d) A spendthrift provision is valid even though a beneficiary is 662 named as the sole trustee or as a cotrustee of the trust.
- 663 (e) A spendthrift provision is enforceable against the beneficiary's 664 former spouse.
- 665 Sec. 40. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) For the purposes of this 666 section, "child" includes any person for whom an order or judgment 667 for child support has been entered in this or another state.
  - (b) Even if a trust contains a spendthrift provision, a beneficiary's child who has a judgment or court order against the beneficiary for support or maintenance may obtain from a court an order attaching present or future distributions to or for the benefit of the beneficiary, but only if distributions can be made for the beneficiary's support under the terms of the trust.
- 674 Sec. 41. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) For the purposes of this section, "child" includes any person for whom an order or judgment for child support has been entered in this or another state.
- 677 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, 678 whether or not a trust contains a spendthrift provision, a creditor of a 679 beneficiary may not compel a distribution that is subject to the trustee's 680 discretion, even if: (1) The discretion is expressed in the form of a 681 standard of distribution; or (2) the trustee has abused the discretion.
  - (c) To the extent a trustee has not complied with a standard of distribution or has abused a discretion: (1) A distribution may be ordered by the court to satisfy a judgment or court order against the beneficiary for support or maintenance of the beneficiary's child; and (2) the court may direct the trustee to pay to the child only such amount as is equitable under the circumstances, but in no event more

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- (d) This section does not limit the right of a beneficiary to maintain a judicial proceeding against a trustee for an abuse of discretion or failure to comply with a standard for distribution.
- (e) With respect to the powers set forth in section 45 of this act, the provisions of this section shall apply even though the beneficiary is the sole trustee or a cotrustee of the trust.
- Sec. 42. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Whether or not the terms of a trust contain a spendthrift provision, the following rules apply:
- 700 (1) During the lifetime of the settlor, the property of a revocable trust is subject to claims of the settlor's creditors.
  - (2) With respect to an irrevocable trust, a creditor or assignee of the settlor may reach the maximum amount that can be distributed to or for the benefit of the settlor. If a trust has more than one settlor, the amount the creditor or assignee of a particular settlor may reach may not exceed the settlor's interest in the portion of the trust attributable to such settlor's contribution.
- (3) With respect to a trust created pursuant to 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(A) or (C), as from time to time amended, the court may limit the award to a creditor of the settlor under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection to such relief as is appropriate under the circumstances, considering, among any other factors determined to be appropriate by the court, the supplemental needs of the beneficiary.
- 714 (4) After the death of a settlor, and subject to the settlor's right to 715 direct the source from which liabilities will be paid, except as 716 otherwise provided in section 45a-472 of the general statutes, the 717 property of a trust that was revocable at the settlor's death is subject to

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- claims of the settlor's creditors, costs of administration of the settlor's estate, the expenses of the settlor's funeral and disposal of remains, and the allowance to a surviving spouse or family as provided in section 45a-320 of the general statutes to the extent the settlor's probate estate is inadequate to satisfy such claims, costs, expenses and allowance.
- (b) With respect to claims, expenses and taxes in connection with the settlement of a trust that was revocable at the settlor's death, the following rules apply:
  - (1) Any claim of a creditor that would be barred against the fiduciary of a decedent's estate, the estate of the decedent or any creditor or beneficiary of the decedent's estate, shall be barred against the trustee, the trust property and the creditors and beneficiaries of the trust.
  - (2) The trustee may use the optional notice procedures set forth in section 45a-357 of the general statutes and, upon the trustee's compliance with such procedures, any person notified in accordance with said section shall be forever barred from asserting or recovering on any claim such person may have from the trustee, the trust property or any creditor or beneficiary of the trust.
  - (3) The provisions of section 45a-365 of the general statutes concerning the order of payment of claims, expenses and taxes shall apply to the settlement of the revocable trust.
  - (4) If any claim is not presented in writing to the fiduciary of the settlor's estate or the trustee within one hundred fifty days from the date of the appointment of the first fiduciary of the settlor's estate or, if no fiduciary is so appointed, within one hundred fifty days from the date of the settlor's death, no trustee shall be chargeable for any assets that a trustee may have paid or distributed in good faith in satisfaction of any lawful claims, expenses or taxes or to any beneficiary before such claim was presented. A payment or distribution of assets by a

- trustee shall be deemed to have been made in good faith unless the creditor can prove that the trustee had actual knowledge of such claim at the time of such payment or distribution. Such one-hundred-fifty-day period shall not be interrupted or affected by the death, resignation or removal of a trustee, except that the time during which there is no fiduciary in office shall not be counted as part of such period.
  - (c) For the purposes of this section:

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- (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 45 of this act, during the period the power may be exercised, the holder of a power of withdrawal is treated in the same manner as the settlor of a revocable trust to the extent of the property subject to the power; and
- (2) Upon the lapse, release or waiver of the power, the holder is treated as the settlor of the trust only to the extent the value of the property affected by the lapse, release or waiver exceeds the greater of the amount specified in Section 2041(b)(2) or 2514(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations thereunder, or Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations thereunder, in each case as in effect on the effective date of this section.
  - Sec. 43. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) Except as otherwise provided in section 45 of this act, whether or not a trust contains a spendthrift provision, a creditor or assignee of a beneficiary may reach a mandatory distribution of income or principal, including a distribution upon termination of the trust, if the trustee has not made the distribution to the beneficiary within a reasonable time after the mandated distribution date.
- Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) Trust property is not subject to personal obligations of the trustee, even if the trustee becomes insolvent or bankrupt.
- Sec. 45 (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) For all purposes under

sections 38 to 45, inclusive, of this act, whether or not a trust contains a spendthrift provision, a creditor of a beneficiary, other than the settlor if the settlor is a beneficiary of the trust, may not attach or compel a distribution of property that is subject:

- (1) To a power of withdrawal held by the beneficiary if the value of the property subject to the power does not exceed the greater of the amount specified in Section 2041(b)(2) or 2514(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations thereunder, or Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations thereunder, in each case as in effect on the effective date of this section;
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of section 41 of this act, to a power, whether mandatory or discretionary, held by the trustee of the trust, including a power held by the beneficiary as the sole trustee or a cotrustee of the trust, to make distributions to or for the benefit of the beneficiary, if the power is exercisable by the trustee only in accordance with an ascertainable standard relating to such beneficiary's individual health, education, support or maintenance within the meaning of Section 2041(b)(1)(A) or Section 2514(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations thereunder, as in effect on the effective date of this section; or
- (3) To a power, whether mandatory or discretionary, held by the trustee of the trust, including a power held by the beneficiary as the sole trustee or a cotrustee of the trust, to make distributions to or for the benefit of a person who the beneficiary has an obligation to support, if the power is exercisable by the trustee only in accordance with an ascertainable standard relating to such person's individual health, education, support or maintenance within the meaning of Section 2041(b)(1)(A) or Section 2514(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations thereunder, as in effect on the effective date of this section.
- 809 (b) A beneficiary holding a power set forth in subsection (a) of this 810 section shall not, during the period the power may be exercised or

- upon the lapse, release or waiver of the power, be treated as a settlor of the trust.
- Sec. 46. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) The capacity required to create, amend, revoke or add property to a revocable trust, or to direct the actions of the trustee of a revocable trust, is the same as that
- 816 required to make a will.
- Sec. 47. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Unless the terms of a trust expressly provide that the trust is irrevocable, the settlor may revoke or amend the trust. This subsection does not apply to a trust created under an instrument executed before the effective date of this section.
- (b) If a revocable trust is created or funded by more than one settlor:
  (1) To the extent the trust consists of community property, the trust
  may be revoked by either spouse acting alone, but may be amended
  only by joint action of both spouses; and (2) to the extent the trust
  consists of property other than community property, each settlor may
  revoke or amend the trust with regard to the portion of the trust
  property attributable to such settlor's contribution.
  - (c) (1) The settlor may revoke or amend a revocable trust by substantial compliance with a method provided in the terms of the trust.
  - (2) If the terms of the trust do not provide a method, or the method provided in the terms is not expressly made exclusive, the settlor may revoke or amend a revocable trust by (A) executing a later will or codicil that has been admitted to probate and that expressly refers to the trust or expressly devises specifically identified items of real or personal property that would otherwise have passed according to the terms of the trust, or (B) any other method manifesting clear and convincing evidence of the settlor's intent, provided (i) a written revocable trust may only be amended by a later written instrument, and (ii) a written revocable trust may only be revoked by a later

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- written instrument or by the burning, cancellation, tearing or obliteration of the revocable trust by the settlor or by some person in the settlor's presence and at the settlor's direction.
- (d) Upon revocation of a revocable trust, the trustee shall deliver the trust property as the settlor directs.
- (e) A settlor's powers with respect to revocation, amendment or distribution of trust property may be exercised by an agent under a power of attorney only to the extent expressly authorized by the terms of the trust or the power of attorney.
- (f) Unless expressly prohibited by the terms of the trust, a conservator of the settlor may exercise a settlor's powers with respect to revocation, amendment or distribution of trust property with the approval of the court supervising the conservatorship.
- (g) A trustee who does not know that a trust has been revoked or amended is not liable to the settlor or settlor's successors in interest for distributions made and other actions taken on the assumption that the trust had not been amended or revoked.
  - (h) A trust created pursuant to 42 USC 1396p(d)(4), as from time to time amended, is irrevocable if the terms of the trust prohibit the settlor from revoking it, even if the settlor's estate or the settlor's heirs at law are named as the remainder beneficiary of the trust upon the settlor's death.
- Sec. 48. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) While a trust is revocable and the settlor has capacity to revoke the trust, rights of the beneficiaries are subject to the control of, and the duties of the trustee are owed exclusively to, the settlor.
- (b) If a revocable trust has more than one settlor, the duties of the trustee are owed to all of the settlors having capacity to revoke the trust.

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- (c) During the period the power may be exercised, the holder of a power of withdrawal has the rights of a settlor of a revocable trust under this section to the extent of the property subject to the power.
  - Sec. 49. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A person may commence a judicial proceeding to contest the validity of a trust that was revocable at the settlor's death within the earlier of:
- 877 (1) Two years after the settlor's death; or

- (2) One hundred fifty days after the trustee sent the person a copy of the trust instrument and a notice informing the person of the trust's existence, of the trustee's name and address, and of the time allowed for commencing a proceeding. The trustee shall have the right to provide the documentation and information set forth in this subdivision to (A) all persons who would be entitled to notice of the application for probate of a will or administration of an intestate estate or to notice of the admission of a will to probate or the granting of letters of administration, and (B) all persons whose interests are, in the opinion of the trustee, adversely affected by the trust.
- (b) Upon the death of the settlor of a trust that was revocable at the settlor's death, the trustee may proceed to distribute the trust property in accordance with the terms of the trust. The trustee is not subject to liability for doing so unless: (1) The trustee knows of a pending judicial proceeding contesting the validity of the trust; (2) a potential contestant has notified the trustee of a possible judicial proceeding to contest the trust and a judicial proceeding is commenced within sixty days after the contestant sent the notification; or (3) the trustee failed to give notice to the qualified or current beneficiaries in accordance with section 67 of this act.
- (c) A beneficiary of a trust that is determined to have been invalid is liable to return any distribution received.
- 900 Sec. 50. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Except as otherwise

901 provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person designated as 902 trustee accepts the trusteeship: (1) By substantially complying with a 903 method of acceptance provided in the terms of the trust; (2) if the terms 904 of the trust do not provide a method or the method provided in the 905 terms is not expressly made exclusive, by accepting delivery of the 906 trust property, exercising powers or performing duties as trustee, or 907 otherwise indicating acceptance of the trusteeship; or (3) in the case of 908 a testamentary trust, filing an acceptance of trust in the court with 909 jurisdiction over the trust.

- (b) A person designated as trustee who has not yet accepted the trusteeship may reject the trusteeship. A designated trustee who does not accept the trusteeship within a reasonable time after knowing of the designation is deemed to have rejected the trusteeship.
- (c) A person designated as trustee, without accepting the trusteeship, may: (1) Act to preserve the trust property if, within a reasonable time after acting, the person sends a rejection of the trusteeship to the settlor or, if the settlor is dead or lacks capacity, to a qualified beneficiary; and (2) inspect or investigate trust property to determine potential liability under state or federal environmental or other law or for any other purpose.
- 921 (d) A testamentary trustee that is a foreign corporation shall also comply with section 45a-206 of the general statutes.
- Sec. 51. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A trustee shall give bond to secure performance of the trustee's duties only if the court finds that a bond is needed to protect the interests of the beneficiaries or is required by the terms of the trust and the court has not dispensed with the requirement.
- 928 (b) The court may specify the amount of a bond, its liabilities, and 929 whether sureties are necessary. The court may modify or terminate a 930 bond at any time.

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- 931 Sec. 52. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Cotrustees who are unable to reach a unanimous decision may act by majority decision.
- 933 (b) If a vacancy occurs in a cotrusteeship, the remaining cotrustees 934 may act for the trust.
- (c) A cotrustee shall participate in the performance of a trustee's function unless the cotrustee is unavailable to perform the function because of absence, illness, disqualification under other law or other temporary incapacity or the cotrustee has properly delegated the performance of the function to another trustee.
  - (d) If a cotrustee is unavailable to perform duties because of absence, illness, disqualification under other law or other temporary incapacity, and prompt action is necessary to achieve the purposes of the trust or to avoid injury to the trust property, the remaining cotrustee or a majority of the remaining cotrustees may act for the trust.
  - (e) A trustee may delegate to a cotrustee the performance of any function other than a function that the terms of the trust expressly require to be performed by the trustees jointly. Unless a delegation was irrevocable, a delegating trustee may revoke a delegation previously made.
- 951 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a 952 trustee who does not join in an action of another trustee is not liable for 953 the action.
  - (g) Each trustee shall exercise reasonable care to: (1) Prevent a cotrustee from committing a serious breach of trust; and (2) compel a cotrustee to redress a serious breach of trust.
- (h) A dissenting trustee who joins in an action at the direction of the majority of the trustees and who notified any cotrustee of the dissent at or before the time of the action is not liable for the action unless the action is a serious breach of trust.

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- 961 Sec. 53. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A vacancy in a 962 trusteeship occurs if: (1) A person designated as trustee rejects the 963 trusteeship; (2) a person designated as trustee cannot be identified or 964 does not exist; (3) a trustee resigns; (4) a trustee is disqualified or 965 removed; (5) a trustee dies; or (6) a conservator is appointed for an 966 individual serving as trustee.
  - (b) If one or more cotrustees remain in office, a vacancy in a trusteeship need not be filled, unless otherwise required by the terms of the trust. A vacancy in a trusteeship shall be filled if the trust has no remaining trustee.
  - (c) A vacancy in a trusteeship required to be filled shall be filled in the following order of priority: (1) By a person designated in the terms of the trust to act as successor trustee or appointed according to a procedure specified in such terms; (2) by a person appointed by unanimous agreement of the qualified beneficiaries; (3) in the case of an inter vivos charitable trust, by a person selected by the charitable organizations expressly designated to receive distributions under the terms of the trust; or (4) by a person appointed by the court.
  - (d) Whether or not a vacancy in a trusteeship exists or is required to be filled, the court may appoint an additional trustee or special fiduciary whenever the court considers the appointment necessary for the administration of the trust.
- 983 Sec. 54. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trustee of an inter 984 vivos trust may resign without court approval upon at least thirty days 985 notice to either: (1) The qualified beneficiaries, the settlor, if living, and 986 all cotrustees; or (2) the court.
- 987 (b) A trustee of a testamentary trust may resign: (1) Without court 988 approval upon at least thirty days notice to the qualified beneficiaries 989 and the court; or (2) with the approval of the court.
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- (d) Any liability of a resigning trustee or of any sureties on such trustee's bond for acts or omissions of such trustee is not discharged or affected by such trustee's resignation.
- 998 Sec. 55. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) The settlor, a cotrustee 999 or a beneficiary may request the court to remove a trustee, or a trustee 1000 may be removed by the court on its own initiative.
- 1001 (b) The court may remove a trustee if:
- 1002 (1) The trustee has committed a serious breach of trust;
- 1003 (2) Lack of cooperation among cotrustees substantially impairs the administration of the trust;
  - (3) Because of unfitness, unwillingness, or persistent failure of the trustee to administer the trust effectively, the court determines that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries; or
  - (4) The trustee is not an individual appointed by the person who created the trust and (A) there has been a substantial change of circumstances or removal is requested by all of the qualified beneficiaries, (B) the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and (C) a suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available. A successor corporate fiduciary shall not be removed in such a manner as to discriminate against state banks or national banking associations. No consolidated state bank or national banking association and no receiving state bank or national banking association may be removed solely because it is a successor fiduciary, as defined in section 45a-245a of the general statutes.

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- 1020 (c) Pending a final decision on a request to remove a trustee, or in 1021 lieu of or in addition to removing a trustee, the court may order 1022 appropriate relief under subsection (b) of section 72 of this act.
- Sec. 56. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Unless a cotrustee remains in office or the court otherwise orders, and until the trust property is delivered to a successor trustee or other person entitled to it, a trustee who has resigned or been removed has the duties of a trustee and the powers necessary to protect the trust property.
- (b) A trustee who has resigned or been removed shall proceed expeditiously to deliver the trust property within the trustee's possession to the cotrustee, successor trustee or other person entitled to it.
- Sec. 57. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) If the terms of a trust do not specify the trustee's compensation, a trustee is entitled to compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances.
- (b) If the terms of a trust specify the trustee's compensation, the trustee is entitled to be compensated as specified, but the court may allow more or less compensation if: (1) The duties of the trustee are substantially different from those contemplated when the trust was created; or (2) the compensation specified by the terms of the trust would be unreasonably low or high.
- Sec. 58. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A trustee is entitled to be reimbursed out of the trust property, with interest as appropriate, for: (1) Expenses that were properly incurred in the defense or administration of the trust, unless the trustee is determined to have committed a breach of trust; and (2) to the extent necessary to prevent unjust enrichment of the trust, expenses that were not properly incurred in the administration of the trust.
- 1048 (b) An advance by the trustee of money for the protection of the 1049 trust gives rise to a lien against trust property to secure reimbursement

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- Sec. 59. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) Upon acceptance of a trusteeship, the trustee shall administer the trust in good faith, in accordance with its terms and purposes, the intentions of the settlor and the interests of the beneficiaries, and in accordance with sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act.
- 1056 Sec. 60. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trustee shall invest 1057 and manage the trust assets solely in the interests of the beneficiaries.
  - (b) Subject to the rights of persons dealing with or assisting the trustee as provided in section 82 of this act, a sale, encumbrance or other transaction involving the investment or management of trust property entered into by the trustee for the trustee's own personal account or which is otherwise affected by a conflict between the trustee's fiduciary and personal interests is voidable by a beneficiary affected by the transaction unless: (1) The transaction was authorized by the terms of the trust; (2) the transaction was approved by the court; (3) the beneficiary did not commence a judicial proceeding within the time allowed by section 75 of this act; (4) the beneficiary consented to the trustee's conduct, ratified the transaction or released the trustee as provided in section 79 of this act; or (5) the transaction involves a contract entered into or claim acquired by the trustee before the person became or contemplated becoming trustee.
  - (c) A sale, encumbrance or other transaction involving the investment or management of trust property is presumed to be affected by a conflict between personal and fiduciary interests if it is entered into by the trustee with: (1) The trustee's spouse; (2) the trustee's descendants, sibling, parents or their spouses; (3) an agent or attorney of the trustee; or (4) a corporation or other person or enterprise in which the trustee, or a person that owns a significant interest in the trustee, has an interest that might affect the trustee's best judgment.

- (d) A transaction between a trustee and a beneficiary that does not concern trust property but that occurs during the existence of the trust or while the trustee retains significant influence over the beneficiary and from which the trustee obtains an advantage is voidable by the beneficiary unless the trustee establishes that the transaction was fair to the beneficiary.
- (e) A transaction not concerning trust property in which the trustee engages in the trustee's individual capacity involves a conflict between personal and fiduciary interests if the transaction concerns an opportunity properly belonging to the trust.
  - (f) (1) The following transactions are not presumed to be affected by a conflict of interest between a trustee's personal and fiduciary interests, provided the transaction and any investment made pursuant to the transaction complies with the Connecticut Uniform Prudent Investor Act, sections 45a-541 to 45a-541*l*, inclusive, of the general statutes: (A) An investment by a trustee in securities of an investment company or investment trust to which the trustee, or its affiliate, provides services in a capacity other than as trustee; (B) an investment by a trustee in an insurance contract purchased from an insurance agency owned by, or affiliated with, the trustee or its affiliate; (C) the placing of securities transactions by a trustee through a securities broker that is a part of the same company as the trustee, is owned by the trustee or is affiliated with the trustee.
  - (2) A trustee may be compensated for any transaction described in this subsection out of fees charged to the trust if the trustee, at least annually, notifies the persons entitled under section 67 of this act to receive a copy of the trustee's annual report of the rate and method by which the compensation was determined.
  - (g) In voting shares of stock or in exercising powers of control over similar interests in other forms of enterprise, the trustee shall act in the best interests of the beneficiaries. If the trust is the sole owner of a corporation or other form of enterprise, the trustee shall elect or

- appoint directors or other managers who will manage the corporation or enterprise in the best interests of the beneficiaries.
- 1115 (h) This section does not preclude the following transactions, if fair
- 1116 to the beneficiaries: (1) An agreement between a trustee and a
- beneficiary relating to the appointment or compensation of the trustee;
- 1118 (2) payment of reasonable compensation to the trustee; (3) a
- transaction between a trust and another trust, decedent's estate or
- 1120 conservatorship of which the trustee is a fiduciary or in which a
- beneficiary has an interest; (4) a deposit of trust money in a regulated
- financial service institution operated by the trustee; or (5) an advance
- by the trustee of money for the protection of the trust.
- 1124 (i) The court may appoint a special fiduciary to make a decision
- with respect to any proposed transaction that might violate this section
- if entered into by the trustee.
- 1127 Sec. 61. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) A trustee shall administer
- the trust as a prudent person would, by considering the purposes,
- 1129 terms, distributional requirements and other circumstances of the
- trust. In satisfying this standard, the trustee shall exercise reasonable
- 1131 care, skill and caution.
- 1132 Sec. 62. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) While a trust is
- 1133 revocable, the trustee may follow a direction of the settlor that is
- 1134 contrary to the terms of the trust.
- (b) If the terms of a trust confer upon a person other than the settlor
- of a revocable trust power to direct certain actions of the trustee, the
- trustee shall act in accordance with an exercise of such power unless
- the attempted exercise is manifestly contrary to the terms of the trust
- or the trustee knows the attempted exercise would constitute a serious
- breach of a fiduciary duty that the person holding such power owes to
- the beneficiaries of the trust.
- (c) The terms of a trust may confer upon a trustee or other person a

- 1143 power to direct the modification or termination of the trust.
- 1144 (d) A person, other than a beneficiary, who holds a power to direct
- 1145 as specified in subsection (b) or (c) of this section is presumptively a
- 1146 fiduciary and is required to act in good faith with regard to the
- 1147 purposes of the trust and the interests of the beneficiaries. The holder
- 1148 of a power to direct is liable for any loss that results from breach of a
- 1149 fiduciary duty.
- 1150 Sec. 63. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) A trustee shall take
- 1151 reasonable steps to take control of and protect the trust property.
- 1152 Sec. 64. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trustee shall keep
- 1153 adequate records of the administration of the trust.
- 1154 (b) A trustee shall keep trust property separate from the trustee's
- 1155 own property.
- 1156 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, a
- 1157 trustee shall cause the trust property to be designated so that the
- 1158 interest of the trust, to the extent feasible, appears in records
- 1159 maintained by a party other than a trustee or beneficiary.
- 1160 (d) If the trustee maintains records clearly indicating the respective
- 1161 interests, a trustee may invest as a whole the property of two or more
- 1162 separate trusts.
- 1163 Sec. 65. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) A trustee shall take
- 1164 reasonable steps to enforce claims of the trust and to defend claims
- 1165 against the trust.
- 1166 Sec. 66. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) A trustee shall take
- 1167 reasonable steps to compel a former trustee or other person to deliver
- 1168 trust property to the trustee, and to redress a breach of trust known to
- 1169 the trustee to have been committed by a former trustee.
- 1170 Sec. 67. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Unless, under the

circumstances, disclosure is unreasonable: (1) A trustee shall keep the current beneficiaries of the trust reasonably informed about the administration of the trust and of the material facts necessary for them to protect their interests; and (2) a trustee shall promptly respond to a qualified beneficiary's request for trustee's reports and other information reasonably related to the administration of the trust.

- (b) A trustee: (1) Upon request of a beneficiary, shall promptly furnish to the beneficiary a copy of the trust instrument; (2) within sixty days after accepting a trusteeship, shall notify the current beneficiaries of the acceptance and of the trustee's name, address and telephone number; and (3) within sixty days after the date the trustee acquires knowledge of the creation of an irrevocable trust, or the date the trustee acquires knowledge that a formerly revocable trust has become irrevocable, whether by the death of the settlor or otherwise, shall notify the current beneficiaries of the trust's existence, of the identity of the settlor or settlors, of the right to request a copy of the trust instrument and of the right to trustee's reports.
- (c) A trustee shall send to the current beneficiaries of the trust, and to other beneficiaries who request it, at least annually and at the termination of the trust, a report of the trust property, liabilities, receipts and disbursements, including the source and amount of the trustee's compensation, a listing of the trust assets and, if feasible, their respective market values. Upon a vacancy in a trusteeship, unless a cotrustee remains in office, a report shall be sent to the current beneficiaries by the former trustee. An executor, administrator or conservator may send the current beneficiaries a report on behalf of a deceased or incapacitated trustee.
- (d) A beneficiary may waive the right to trustee's reports or other information otherwise required to be furnished under this section. A beneficiary, with respect to future reports and other information, may withdraw a waiver previously given.
- (e) Judicial approval of a trustee's report forecloses claims as to

those given notice of the proceeding as to matters disclosed in the report.

- Sec. 68. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Notwithstanding the breadth of discretion granted to a trustee in the terms of the trust, including the use of such terms as "absolute", "sole" or "uncontrolled", the trustee shall exercise a discretionary power in good faith and in accordance with the terms and purposes of the trust, the intentions of the settlor and the interests of the beneficiaries.
- 1211 (b) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, and unless the terms of 1212 the trust expressly indicate that a rule in this subsection does not 1213 apply: (1) A person, other than a settlor, who is a beneficiary and 1214 trustee of a trust that confers on the trustee a power to make 1215 discretionary distributions to or for the trustee's personal benefit may 1216 exercise the power only in accordance with an ascertainable standard 1217 relating to the trustee's individual health, education, support or 1218 maintenance within the meaning of Section 2041(b)(1)(A) or 2514(c)(1) 1219 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent 1220 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time 1221 to time amended; and (2) a trustee may not exercise a power to make 1222 discretionary distributions to satisfy a legal obligation of support that 1223 the trustee personally owes another person.
  - (c) A power to make discretionary distributions, the exercise of which is limited or prohibited by subsection (b) of this section, may be exercised by a majority of the remaining trustees whose exercise of such power is not so limited or prohibited. If the exercise of such power by all trustees is so limited or prohibited, the court may appoint a special fiduciary with authority to exercise such power.
  - (d) Subsection (b) of this section, does not apply to: (1) A power held by the settlor's spouse who is the trustee of a trust for which a marital deduction, as defined in Section 2056(b)(5) or 2523(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time

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- amended, was previously allowed; (2) any trust during any period that
- the trust may be revoked or amended by its settlor; or (3) a trust, if
- 1237 contributions to the trust qualify for the annual exclusion under
- 1238 Section 2503(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
- subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
- 1240 as from time to time amended.
- Sec. 69. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trustee, without
- authorization by the court, may exercise: (1) Powers conferred by the
- terms of the trust; and (2) except as limited by the terms of the trust,
- 1244 (A) all powers over the trust property which an unmarried competent
- owner has over individually-owned property, (B) any other powers
- 1246 appropriate to achieve the proper investment, management and
- distribution of the trust property, and (C) any other powers conferred
- by sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act.
- 1249 (b) The exercise of any power is subject to the fiduciary duties
- prescribed by sections 59 to 71, inclusive, of this act.
- 1251 Sec. 70. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) Without limiting the
- authority conferred by section 69 of this act, a trustee may:
- 1253 (1) Collect trust property and accept or reject additions to the trust
- 1254 property from a settlor or any other person;
- 1255 (2) Acquire or sell property, for cash or on credit, at public or
- 1256 private sale;
- 1257 (3) Exchange, partition or otherwise change the character of trust
- 1258 property;
- 1259 (4) Deposit trust money in an account in a regulated financial
- 1260 service institution;
- 1261 (5) Borrow money, with or without security, and mortgage or
- 1262 pledge trust property for a period within or extending beyond the
- 1263 duration of the trust;

- (6) With respect to an interest in a proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, business trust, corporation or other form of business or enterprise, continue the business or other enterprise and take any action that may be taken by shareholders, members or property owners, including merging, dissolving or otherwise changing the form of business organization or contributing additional capital;
  - (7) With respect to stocks or other securities, exercise the rights of an absolute owner, including the right to (A) vote or give proxies to vote, with or without power of substitution, or enter into or continue a voting trust agreement, (B) hold a security in the name of a nominee or in other form without disclosure of the trust so that title may pass by delivery, (C) pay calls, assessments and other sums chargeable or accruing against the securities, and sell or exercise stock subscription or conversion rights, and (D) deposit the securities with a depositary or other regulated financial service institution;
  - (8) With respect to an interest in real property, construct or make ordinary or extraordinary repairs to, alterations to or improvements in buildings or other structures, demolish improvements, raze existing or erect new party walls or buildings, subdivide or develop land, dedicate land to public use or grant public or private easements, and make or vacate plats and adjust boundaries;
  - (9) Enter into a lease for any purpose as lessor or lessee, including a lease or other arrangement for exploration and removal of natural resources, with or without the option to purchase or renew, for a period within or extending beyond the duration of the trust;
  - (10) Grant an option involving a sale, lease or other disposition of trust property or acquire an option for the acquisition of property, including an option exercisable beyond the duration of the trust, and exercise an option so acquired;
- 1293 (11) Insure the property of the trust against damage or loss, and 1294 insure the trustee, the trustee's agents and beneficiaries against liability

- 1295 arising from the administration of the trust;
- 1296 (12) Abandon or decline to administer property of no value or of 1297 insufficient value to justify its collection or continued administration;
- 1298 (13) With respect to possible liability for violation of environmental 1299 law, (A) inspect or investigate property the trustee holds or has been 1300 asked to hold, or property owned or operated by an organization in 1301 which the trustee holds or has been asked to hold an interest, for the 1302 purpose of determining the application of environmental law with 1303 respect to the property, (B) take action to prevent, abate or otherwise 1304 remedy any actual or potential violation of any environmental law 1305 affecting property held directly or indirectly by the trustee, whether 1306 taken before or after the assertion of a claim or the initiation of 1307 governmental enforcement, (C) decline to accept property into trust or 1308 disclaim any power with respect to property that is or may be 1309 burdened with liability for violation of environmental law, (D) 1310 compromise claims against the trust which may be asserted for an 1311 alleged violation of environmental law, and (E) pay the expense of any 1312 inspection, review, abatement or remedial action to comply with 1313 environmental law;
- 1314 (14) Pay or contest any claim, settle a claim by or against the trust, 1315 and release, in whole or in part, a claim belonging to the trust;
- 1316 (15) Pay taxes, assessments, compensation of the trustee and of 1317 employees and agents of the trust, and other expenses incurred in the 1318 administration of the trust;
- 1319 (16) Exercise elections with respect to federal, state and local taxes;
- (17) Select a mode of payment under any employee benefit or retirement plan, annuity or life insurance payable to the trustee, exercise rights thereunder, including exercise of the right to indemnification for expenses and against liabilities, and take appropriate action to collect the proceeds;

- 1325 (18) Make loans out of trust property, including loans to a 1326 beneficiary on terms and conditions the trustee considers to be fair and 1327 reasonable under the circumstances, with the trustee having a lien on 1328 future distributions for repayment of such loans;
- 1329 (19) Pledge trust property to guarantee loans made by others to the beneficiary;
- 1331 (20) Appoint a trustee to act in another jurisdiction with respect to 1332 trust property located in the other jurisdiction, confer upon such 1333 appointed trustee all of the powers and duties of the appointing 1334 trustee, require that such appointed trustee furnish security, and 1335 remove any trustee so appointed;
  - (21) Pay an amount distributable to a beneficiary who is under a legal disability or who the trustee reasonably believes is incapacitated, by: (A) Paying it directly to the beneficiary or applying it for the beneficiary's benefit; (B) paying it to the beneficiary's conservator; (C) paying it to the beneficiary's custodian under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act or to the beneficiary's custodial trustee under the Uniform Custodial Trust Act, and, for such purpose, creating a custodianship or custodial trust; (D) if the trustee does not know of a conservator, custodian or custodial trustee, paying it to an adult relative or other person having legal or physical care or custody of the beneficiary, to be expended on the beneficiary's behalf; or (E) managing it as a separate fund on the beneficiary's behalf, subject to the beneficiary's continuing right to withdraw the distribution;
  - (22) On distribution of trust property or the division or termination of a trust, make distributions in divided or undivided interests, allocate particular assets in proportionate or disproportionate shares, value the trust property for such purposes and adjust for resulting differences in valuation;
- 1354 (23) Resolve a dispute concerning the interpretation of the trust or 1355 its administration by mediation, arbitration or other procedure for

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- 1356 alternative dispute resolution;
- 1357 (24) Prosecute or defend an action, claim or judicial proceeding in 1358 any jurisdiction to protect trust property and the trustee in the
- performance of the trustee's duties;
- 1360 (25) Sign and deliver contracts and other instruments that are useful to achieve or facilitate the exercise of the trustee's powers; and
- 1362 (26) On termination of the trust, exercise the powers appropriate to wind up the administration of the trust and distribute the trust property to the persons entitled to it.
- 1365 Sec. 71. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Upon termination or 1366 partial termination of a trust, the trustee of an inter vivos trust may 1367 send to the beneficiaries a proposal for distribution. The right of any 1368 beneficiary to object to the proposed distribution terminates if the 1369 beneficiary does not notify the trustee of an objection not later than 1370 thirty days after the proposal was sent, but only if the proposal 1371 informed the beneficiary of the right to object and of the time allowed 1372 for objection.
- 1373 (b) Upon the occurrence of an event terminating or partially 1374 terminating a trust, the trustee shall proceed expeditiously to 1375 distribute the trust property to the persons entitled to it, subject to the 1376 right of the trustee to retain a reasonable reserve for the payment of 1377 debts, expenses and taxes.
- (c) A release by a beneficiary of a trustee from liability for breach of trust is invalid to the extent: (1) It was induced by improper conduct of the trustee; or (2) the beneficiary, at the time of the release, did not know of the beneficiary's rights or of the material facts relating to the breach.
- Sec. 72. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A violation by a trustee of a duty the trustee owes to a beneficiary is a breach of trust.

- (b) To remedy a breach of trust that has occurred or may occur, the court may: (1) Compel the trustee to perform the trustee's duties; (2) enjoin the trustee from committing a breach of trust; (3) compel the trustee to redress a breach of trust by paying money, restoring property or other means; (4) order a trustee to account; (5) appoint a special fiduciary to take possession of the trust property and administer the trust; (6) suspend the trustee; (7) remove the trustee as provided in section 55 of this act; (8) reduce or deny compensation to the trustee; (9) subject to the provisions of section 82 of this act, void an act of the trustee, impose a lien or a constructive trust on trust property, or trace trust property wrongfully disposed of and recover the property or its proceeds; or (10) order any other appropriate relief.
- 1397 Sec. 73. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trustee who commits 1398 a breach of trust is liable to the beneficiaries affected for the greater of: 1399 (1) The amount required to restore the value of the trust property and 1400 trust distributions to what they would have been had the breach not 1401 occurred; or (2) the profit the trustee made by reason of the breach.
  - (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if more than one trustee is liable to the beneficiaries for a breach of trust, a trustee is entitled to contribution from the other trustee or trustees. A trustee is not entitled to contribution if the trustee was substantially more at fault than another trustee or if the trustee committed the breach of trust in bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries. A trustee who received a benefit from the breach of trust is not entitled to contribution from another trustee to the extent of the benefit received.
- 1411 Sec. 74. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A trustee is accountable 1412 to an affected beneficiary for any profit made by the trustee arising 1413 from the administration of the trust, even absent a breach of trust.
- 1414 (b) Absent a breach of trust, a trustee is not liable to a beneficiary for 1415 a loss or depreciation in the value of trust property or for not having made a profit. 1416

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- 1417 Sec. 75. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A beneficiary may not commence a proceeding against a trustee for breach of trust more than 1418 1419 one year after the date the beneficiary or a representative of the 1420 beneficiary was sent a report that adequately disclosed the existence of 1421 a potential claim for breach of trust and informed the beneficiary of the 1422 time allowed for commencing a proceeding.
- 1423 (b) A report adequately discloses the existence of a potential claim 1424 for breach of trust if it provides sufficient information so that the 1425 beneficiary or representative knows of the potential claim or should 1426 have inquired into its existence.
- 1427 (c) If subsection (a) of this section does not apply, a judicial 1428 proceeding by a beneficiary against a trustee for breach of trust shall 1429 be commenced not later than six years after the first to occur of: (1) The 1430 removal or resignation of the trustee; (2) the termination of the 1431 beneficiary's interest in the trust; or (3) the termination of the trust.
- 1432 Sec. 76. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) A trustee who acts in 1433 reasonable reliance on the terms of the trust as expressed in the trust 1434 instrument is not liable to a beneficiary for a breach of trust to the 1435 extent the breach resulted from the reliance.
- 1436 Sec. 77. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) If the happening of an event, including marriage, divorce, performance of educational 1437 1438 requirements or death, affects the administration or distribution of a 1439 trust, a trustee who has exercised reasonable care to ascertain the 1440 happening of the event is not liable for a loss resulting from the trustee's lack of knowledge.
- 1442 Sec. 78. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) A term of a trust 1443 relieving a trustee of liability for breach of trust is unenforceable to the 1444 extent that it: (1) Relieves the trustee of liability for breach of trust 1445 committed in bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes of 1446 the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries; or (2) was inserted as the 1447 result of an abuse by the trustee of a fiduciary or confidential

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(b) Except for terms intended to provide protection for carrying out a stated trust purpose, an exculpatory term drafted or caused to be drafted by the trustee is invalid as an abuse of a fiduciary or confidential relationship unless the trustee proves that the exculpatory term is fair under the circumstances and that its existence and contents

were adequately communicated to the settlor.

rights or of the material facts relating to the breach.

- Sec. 79. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) A trustee is not liable to a beneficiary for breach of trust if the beneficiary consented to the conduct constituting the breach, released the trustee from liability for the breach, or ratified the transaction constituting the breach, unless: (1) The consent, release or ratification of the beneficiary was induced by improper conduct of the trustee; or (2) at the time of the consent, release or ratification, the beneficiary did not know of the beneficiary's
- Sec. 80. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) Except as otherwise provided in the contract, a trustee is not personally liable on a contract properly entered into in the trustee's fiduciary capacity in the course of administering the trust if the trustee in the contract disclosed the fiduciary capacity.
  - (b) Except as otherwise limited by state statute, a trustee is personally liable for torts committed in the course of administering a trust, or for obligations arising from ownership or control of trust property, including liability for violation of environmental law, only if the trustee is personally at fault.
  - (c) A claim based on (1) a contract entered into by a trustee in the trustee's fiduciary capacity, (2) an obligation arising from ownership or control of trust property, or (3) a tort committed in the course of administering a trust, may be asserted in a judicial proceeding against the trustee in the trustee's fiduciary capacity, whether or not the trustee is personally liable for the claim.

- 1479 Sec. 81. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, or unless personal liability is 1480 1481 imposed in the contract, a trustee who holds an interest as a general 1482 partner in a general or limited partnership is not personally liable on a 1483 contract entered into by the partnership after the trust's acquisition of 1484 the interest if the fiduciary capacity was disclosed in the contract or in 1485 a statement previously filed pursuant to the Uniform Partnership Act, 1486 sections 34-300 to 34-399, inclusive, of the general statutes, or the 1487 Uniform Limited Partnership Act, sections 34-9 to 34-38u, inclusive, of 1488 the general statutes.
  - (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, a trustee who holds an interest as a general partner is not personally liable for torts committed by the partnership or for obligations arising from ownership or control of the interest unless the trustee is personally at fault.
  - (c) The immunity provided by this section does not apply if an interest in the partnership is held by the trustee in a capacity other than that of trustee or is held by the trustee's spouse or one or more of the trustee's descendants, siblings or parents or the spouse of any of them.
  - (d) If the trustee of a revocable trust holds an interest as a general partner, the settlor is personally liable for contracts and other obligations of the partnership as if the settlor were a general partner.
- Sec. 82. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) A person other than a beneficiary who in good faith assists a trustee, or who in good faith and for value deals with a trustee, without knowledge that the trustee is exceeding or improperly exercising the trustee's powers, is protected from liability as if the trustee properly exercised the power.
- (b) A person other than a beneficiary who in good faith deals with a trustee is not required to inquire into the extent of the trustee's powers or the propriety of their exercise.

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- 1510 (c) A person who in good faith delivers assets to a trustee need not 1511 ensure their proper application.
- (d) A person other than a beneficiary who in good faith assists a former trustee, or who in good faith and for value deals with a former trustee, without knowledge that the trustee has terminated, is protected from liability as if the former trustee were still a trustee.
- 1516 (e) Comparable protective provisions of other laws relating to 1517 commercial transactions or transfer of securities by fiduciaries prevail 1518 over the protection provided by this section.
  - Sec. 83. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Instead of furnishing a copy of the trust instrument to a person other than a beneficiary, the trustee may furnish to the person a certification of trust containing the following information: (1) That the trust exists and the date the trust instrument was executed; (2) the identity of the settlor; (3) the identity and address of the currently acting trustee; (4) the powers of the trustee; (5) the revocability or irrevocability of the trust and the identity of any person holding a power to revoke the trust; (6) the authority of cotrustees to sign or otherwise authenticate, and whether all or less than all are required in order to exercise powers of the trustee; (7) the trust's taxpayer identification number; and (8) the manner of taking title to trust property.
- 1531 (b) A certification of trust may be signed or otherwise authenticated 1532 by any trustee.
- 1533 (c) A certification of trust shall state that the trust has not been 1534 revoked, modified or amended in any manner that would cause the 1535 representations contained in the certification of trust to be incorrect.
- 1536 (d) A certification of trust need not contain the dispositive terms of a trust.
- 1538 (e) A recipient of a certification of trust may require the trustee to 1539 furnish copies of those excerpts from the original trust instrument and

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- (f) A person who acts in reliance upon a certification of trust without knowledge that the representations contained therein are incorrect is not liable to any person for so acting and may assume without inquiry the existence of the facts contained in the certification.
- 1546 (g) A person who in good faith enters into a transaction in reliance 1547 upon a certification of trust may enforce the transaction against the 1548 trust property as if the representations contained in the certification 1549 were correct.
  - (h) A person making a demand for the trust instrument in addition to a certification of trust or excerpts is liable for damages if the court determines that the person did not act in good faith in demanding the trust instrument.
- 1554 (i) This section does not limit the right of a person to obtain a copy 1555 of the trust instrument in a judicial proceeding concerning the trust.
- 1556 Sec. 84. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) In applying and construing 1557 the uniform provisions of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act, 1558 consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the 1559 law with respect to the subject matter among states that enact such 1560 uniform provisions.
- 1561 Sec. 85. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) If any provision of sections 1562 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act or its application to any person or 1563 circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other 1564 provisions or applications of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act 1565 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, 1566 and to this end the provisions of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act 1567 are severable.
- 1568 Sec. 86. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2007) (a) Except as otherwise 1569 provided in sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act, on the effective date

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- 1570 of this section:
- 1571 (1) Sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act apply to all trusts created 1572 before, on or after the effective date of this section;
- 1573 (2) Sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act apply to all judicial 1574 proceedings concerning trusts commenced on or after the effective 1575 date of this section;
- 1576 (3) Sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act apply to judicial 1577 proceedings concerning trusts commenced before the effective date of 1578 this section, unless the court finds that application of a particular 1579 provision of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act would substantially 1580 interfere with the effective conduct of the judicial proceedings or 1581 prejudice the rights of the parties, in which case the particular 1582 provision of sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act does not apply and 1583 the superseded law applies;
- (4) Any rule of construction or presumption provided in sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act applies to trust instruments executed before the effective date of this section unless there is a clear indication of a contrary intent in the terms of the trust;
- 1588 (5) An act done before the effective date of this section is not affected by sections 1 to 86, inclusive, of this act;
- 1590 (6) The ninety-year period specified in subdivision (1) of section 29 1591 of this act shall only apply to trusts that become irrevocable on or after 1592 the effective date of this section;
- 1593 (7) The provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 42 of 1594 this act shall only apply to revocable trusts of settlors dying on or after 1595 the effective date of this section; and
- 1596 (8) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 67 of this act, 1597 shall only apply to trusts that become irrevocable on or after the 1598 effective date of this section.

(b) If a right is acquired, extinguished or barred upon the expiration of a prescribed period that has commenced to run under any other statute before the effective date of this section, such statute continues to apply to the right even if it has been repealed or superseded.

Sec. 87. Subsection (a) of section 45a-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2007*):

(a) Courts of probate in their respective districts shall have the power to: (1) [grant] Grant administration of intestate estates of persons who have died domiciled in their districts and of intestate estates of persons not domiciled in this state which may be granted as provided [by] in section 45a-303; (2) admit wills to probate of persons who have died domiciled in their districts or of nondomiciliaries whose wills may be proved in their districts as provided in section 45a-287; (3) except as provided in section 45a-98a or as limited by an applicable statute of limitations, determine title or rights of possession and use in and to any real, tangible or intangible property that constitutes, or may constitute, all or part of any trust, any decedent's estate, or any estate under control of a guardian or conservator, which trust or estate is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Probate Court, including the rights and obligations of any beneficiary of the trust or estate and including the rights and obligations of any joint tenant with respect to survivorship property; (4) except as provided in section 45a-98a, construe the meaning and effect of any will or trust agreement if a construction is required in connection with the administration or distribution of a trust or estate otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Probate Court, or, with respect to an inter vivos trust, if that trust is or could be subject to jurisdiction of the court for an accounting pursuant to section 45a-175, provided such an accounting need not be required; (5) except as provided in section 45a-98a, apply the doctrine of cy pres or approximation; (6) to the extent provided for in section 45a-175, call executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, persons appointed to sell the land of minors,

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- and attorneys-in-fact acting under powers of attorney created in accordance with section 45a-562, to account concerning the estates entrusted to their charge; (7) in trust matters, to take any action authorized in subsection (d) of section 12 of this act; and [(7)] (8) make any lawful orders or decrees to carry into effect the power and jurisdiction conferred upon them by the laws of this state.
- Sec. 88. Subsection (c) of section 45a-475 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2007*):
- 1641 (c) The provisions of section [45a-474] <u>53 of this act</u> shall not apply 1642 to the trusts specified in this section.
- Sec. 89. Section 45a-482 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2007*):

When the facts at the time of distribution from an estate to a trust or 1645 1646 from a testamentary trust to a successive trust are such that no trust 1647 would be operative under the terms of the instrument creating such 1648 trust or successive trust because of the death of the life tenant, or 1649 because the beneficiary has reached a stipulated age, or if such trust 1650 would qualify for termination under section [45a-484] 34 of this act, or 1651 for any other reason, the fiduciary of such estate or prior trust may 1652 distribute, with the approval of the court of probate having 1653 jurisdiction, directly from the estate or prior trust to the remaindermen 1654 of such trust, the corpus of such trust and any income earned during 1655 the period of estate administration or administration of the prior trust 1656 and distributable to such remaindermen, without the interposition of 1657 the establishment of such trust or successive trust. If distribution is 1658 based on the fact that the trust would qualify for termination under 1659 section [45a-484] 34 of this act, reasonable notice shall be provided to 1660 all beneficiaries who are known and in being and who have vested or 1661 contingent interests in the trust.

Sec. 90. Section 52-321 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2007*):

1664 [Except as provided in sections 52-321a and 52-352b:

- (a) If property has been given to trustees to pay over the income to any person, without provision for accumulation or express authorization to the trustees to withhold the income, and the income has not been expressly given for the support of the beneficiary or his family, the income shall be liable in equity to the claims of all creditors of the beneficiary.
  - (b) Any creditor of the beneficiary who has secured a judgment against the beneficiary may bring an action against him and serve the trustees with garnishee process, and the court to which the action is returnable may direct the trustees to pay over the net income derived from the trust estate to the judgment creditor, as the income may accrue, until the creditor's debt is satisfied.
- (c) The court having jurisdiction over the fund may make such an order for payment pursuant to subsection (b) when the beneficiary is a nonresident of this state, as well as when the beneficiary is a resident, but in the case of a nonresident beneficiary notice shall be given to the nonresident of the action against him as provided in section 52-87. The nonresidence of the beneficiary shall not deprive the court of authority to make such an order.
  - (d) If any such trust has been expressly provided to be for the support of the beneficiary or his family, a court of equity having jurisdiction may make such order regarding the surplus, if any, not required for the support of the beneficiary or his family, as justice and equity may require.
- (e) The defendant trustee in any such action] <u>In any action brought</u>
  by a creditor of a beneficiary of a trust to enforce a judgment against
  the beneficiary in which a defendant trustee is served with garnishee
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account of the trust such expenses and disbursements as the court to which the action is brought determines to be reasonable and proper.

1695 Sec. 91. Sections 45a-473, 45a-474, 45a-477, 45a-484 and 45a-487 to 45a-487f, inclusive, of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective January 1, 2007*)

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